Requirements of levy sugar of the states of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are being mostly met from factories located in the respective states. Kerala being a deficit state release of levy for the state is being effected from factories located in near-by states.

Food Corporation of India, in cooperation with State agencies, is responsible to procure all the paddy offered at regulated markets in Andhra pradesh. Purchase centres are opened by FCI in such markets. The arrangements are being further strenghthened in cooperation with the state Government.

Food credit is advanced by the commercial banks for helping the procurement operations in accordance with the procurement policy laid down by the Central Government. Advances for essential commodities are covered by the selective credit Control of R.B.I.whose objective is one of preventing speculative holding of certain essential commodities with the help of bank credit. Bank credit for food procurement cannot therefore be compared to financing of essential/sensitive commodities like edible oil and sugar etc.

It has not been possible to supply edible oil after March, 1991 due to absence of import.

Performance of Public Sector Undertakings

*793. SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a though review of performance of the Public Sector Undertakings has been made;

(b) if so, the particulars of such Public Sector Undertakings;

(c) the actual performance of these undertakings as reviewed so far; and

(d) the date by which the review is likely to be completed in the case of all the public sector Undertakings.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K.THUNGON): (a) to (d). Reviewing the performence of Central Public Sector enterprises is a continuous process at the levels of Board of Directors/concerned administrative Ministries/Departments. Yearly review of the performance of all the central public sector Enterprises, based on other Annual audited reports, is done and placed before Parliament every year during the Budget Session in a review titled "Public Enterprises Survey", The latest report for the Year 1989-90 was placed before the Parliament on 27th February, 1991, and the next report for the year 1990-91 will be due for presentation during the next Budget Session in February, 1992.

Bio Fertilizers

*794. DR.V.RAJESWARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be Pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to increase the production of fertilizers including bio-fertilizers to meet the ever-increasing demand for fertilizers in the country;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to take up projects for production of bio-fertilizers in the four southern states; and

(c) if so; the fund allocation proposed to be made to these states for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR.CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The steps taken to increase the production of chemical fertilizers are:

i) Expansion of Existing fertilizer plants.

ii) setting up of new fertilizer plants.

iii) Revamping and modernisation of existing old plants to achieve their rated capacity or to increase their rated capacity.

For increasing the production and popularising the use of bio-fertilizers, a National Project on development and use of Bio-fertilizers is being implemented. Under this project, one National Centre and six regional Bio-fertilizer centres including one at Bangalore to produce Rhizobium, and 60 Blue Green Algae (BGA) subcentres including 26 in southern states for producing Blue green algae have been set up. Apart from the National Project, Ministry of Agriculture also provides grant-in aid to the extent of Rs.13 lakhs per unit to the states for setting up/ strengthening of bio-fertilizer production units.

(b) and (c). In southern states, one bio-fertilizer production Unit (Rhizobium) during the VII Plan and six Bio-fertilizer production units during VIII Plan have already been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, in addition to 26 BGA Centres. A sum of Rs. 99.70 lakhs during VIIth Plan and during 1990-91 and 1991-92 have been released to southern States as per details given below

VIIth Plan	–	Rs.23.70.laks
1990-91	–	Rs.50.00 lakhs
1991-92	–	Rs. 26.00 lakhs

There is no state-wise allocation. Funds are released as and when a specific project is sanctioned for a State.

Hiring of Private Godown By CWC, Calcutta Region

6561. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation, Calcutta Region have taken new godown from private godown owners in the same compound at higher rates; and

(b) if so, the action taken against the authorities responsible for taking godown at higher rent thereby causing loss to public exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rents payable by the Corporation at any given point of time depend upon several factors such as the demand and availability of storage space, rates prevailing in the area, condition of godowns etc. On this ground alone, therefore, no action is called for against any person.

[*Translation*]

Unemployment In Villages

6562. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether unemployment has been increasing unabated in the villages;

(b) whether there is unrest in the villages due to ever increasing unemployment and there is increase in incidents of violence there;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide employment to the unemployed rural persons to ease their unrest; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The comparison of employment/unemployment as measured in 1987-88 at the time of the 43rd round of National Sample Survey (NSS) with that of 1983 at the time of the 38th round of N.S.S shows that whereas the Daily Status Unemployment has declined from 7.94% in 1983 to 5.25% in 1987-88 in rural areas, the usual principal Status and weekly Status Unemployment has gone up slightly from